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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James A. BELMONT)

Application No.: 09/672,328)

Group Art Unit: 1625

Filed: September 29, 2000)

Examiner: OH, Taylor

For: MODIFIED PIGMENTS HAVING STERIC AND AMPHIPHILIC GROUPS

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 21, 2002, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before August 21, 2002.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

At page 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claims 5 and 8-19 as being dependent upon a rejected claim. The Examiner maintains that claims 5 and 8-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The undersigned and the applicant appreciate the Examiner's indication of the patentability of these claims. In view of the comments set forth below, all claims should be

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